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U.S. Patent Application S.N. 09/625,660

Title: COMBINATION ON-LINE SWEEPSTAKES AND SALES SYSTEM

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**REPLY TO INITIAL OFFICE ACTION PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.111**

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Sir:

*This Reply is being filed in response to the Office Action dated October 9, 2003.*

**REMARKS:**

Claims 1-14 are pending in the present application.

The Examiner initially rejected all claims pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,061,660 issued to Eggleston and U.S. Patent No. 5,724,521